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AMENDMENTS**In the Claims**

Please enter the following amendments to the claims:

1. (Original) A method for inhibiting reading of an optical disc, comprising the following steps:

- (a) providing an optical disc comprising machine-readable, information-encoding features, and a reading-inhibit agent, said inhibit agent activated by optical radiation and operative, once activated, to alter the disc to inhibit reading and to provide a short effective life for the disc;
- (b) providing a reading device operative to read the disc, said reading device comprising a source of optical radiation; and
- (c) reading the disc with the source while concurrently activating the inhibit agent with optical radiation from the source.

2. (Original) A method for inhibiting reading of an optical disc, said method comprising the following steps:

- (a) providing an optical disc comprising:
 - machine-readable, information-encoding features;
 - a barrier layer releasably coupled to the disc, said barrier layer configured to prevent machine reading of the features; and,
 - a reading-inhibit agent, included in the disc and activated by removal of the barrier layer, said reading-inhibit agent operative, once activated, to initially allow reading of the disc, and then to alter the disc to inhibit reading of the disc; then
- (b) removing the barrier layer to allow machine reading of the features and to activate the reading inhibit agent; then,
- (c) reading the disc after removal of the barrier layer but before the disc is altered by

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the reading inhibit agent to inhibit reading of the disc; and then,

(d) said reading-inhibit agent then altering the disc to provide a short effective life for the disc.

3. (Original) The invention of claim 2 wherein the disc comprises a first surface, wherein the features are adjacent the first surface, wherein the inhibit agent is adjacent the features: and wherein the barrier layer is adjacent the inhibit agent.

4. (Original) The invention of claim 2 wherein the disc comprises a translucent layer operative to transmit a beam of light toward the features, wherein the inhibit agent is incorporated in or adjacent to the translucent layer, and wherein the barrier layer comprises a sheet adjacent the translucent layer.

5. (Original) The invention of claim 2 wherein the disc comprises a reflective film, and wherein the inhibit agent comprises a corrosion-enhancing agent disposed in or adjacent to the reflective film.

6. (Original) The invention of claim 2 wherein the inhibit agent is operative, once activated, to alter a physical dimension of the disc.

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20. (Currently Amended) The optically readable medium according to claim ~~[[18]]~~ 60, wherein said ~~at least one access-limiting~~ limited play agent is located in the path of the incident optical read beam from the reading device.
21. (Currently Amended) The optically-readable medium according to claim ~~[[18]]~~ 60, wherein said ~~at least one access-limiting~~ limited play agent is selected from one of an oxidizable material, a dye, a hygroscopic material, a photoreactive material, or a combination thereof.
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25. (Currently Amended) The optically-readable medium according to claim ~~[[18]]~~ 60, wherein said ~~at least one access-limiting~~ limited play agent inhibits reading of the at least a portion of said information encoded region by one of absorbing light from the optical beam, altering the reflectivity of the reflective layer, physically distorting or altering a portion of the optically-readable medium.
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33. (Currently Amended) The optically-readable medium according to claim [[18]] 60, wherein said ~~at least one access-limiting~~ limited play agent is activated by optical radiation.

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38. (Currently Amended) The optically-readable medium according to claim [[18]] 60, wherein said short effective life for said optically-readable medium ~~predetermined period of time~~ is determined by the number of times the at least a portion of the information encoded region is read by the optical beam.

39. (Currently Amended) The optically-readable medium according to claim [[18]] 60, wherein said ~~at least one access-limiting~~ limited play agent corrodes the at least a portion of the information encoded region.

40. (Currently Amended) The optically-readable medium according to claim [[18]] 60, wherein said ~~at least one access-limiting~~ limited play agent, once activated, increases optical scattering of the at least a portion of the information encoded region.

41. (Currently Amended) The optically-readable medium according to claim [[18]] 60, wherein said ~~at least one access-limiting~~ limited play agent, once activated, inhibits reading by the optical beam by promoting deterioration of the at least a portion of the information encoded region.

42. (Currently Amended) The optically-readable medium according to claim [[18]] 60, wherein said ~~access-limiting~~ limited play agent, once activated, interferes with the optical beam.

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59. (Previously Amended) An optically-readable medium comprising:

an information encoded region, said information encoded region readable by an optical beam from a reading device;

at least one access limiting agent in communication with at least one of a portion of said information encoded region and the optical beam, said at least one access limiting agent inhibits reading of at least a portion of said information encoded region by the optical beam after a predetermined period of time; and

an enclosure enclosing said optically-readable medium wherein said at least one limited play agent provides a short effective life for said optically-readable medium.

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60. (Currently Amended) A limited play optically-readable medium, comprising:
- at least one substrate having information encoding features with a reflective ~~surface~~
layer to reflect an incident optical read beam so that the optical read beam
may read the information encoding features; and
- a limited play agent that, once operative, prevents at least a portion of the information
encoding features from being read by the incident optical read beam wherein said
limited play agent provides a short effective life for said optically-readable
medium.
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